

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2010**

At 5:35 P.M. Vic Chair Tom Kasten called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Committee Members Attending:

Jerry Carlson (City of Atherton)
Andrew Cohen (City of Menlo Park)
Carol Groom (County of San Mateo)
Tom Kasten (Town of Hillsborough)
Linda Koelling (City of Foster City)
David Lin (City of San Mateo)
Kevin Mullin (City of South San Francisco)
Gina Papan (City of Millbrae)
Sepi Richardson (City of Brisbane)

Guests or Staff Attending:

Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director)
Jim Bigelow (Redwood City Chamber of Commerce)
Chick Cole (by phone)
Gus Khouri (Advocation – by phone)
Joseph Kott (C/CAG Staff)
Brian Moura (City of San Mateo)

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Legislative Committee Minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2010 were approved by acclamation.

3. Briefing from Advocation.

The Legislative Committee received and discussed a briefing from Chuck Cole and Gus Khouri Advocation, C/CAG's lobbyists in Sacramento. There was a desire in Sacramento to achieve a budget agreement by the end of the legislative session on August 31st. Nevertheless, prospects for doing so were not bright. Kevin Mullin asked about the Governor's budget proposal involving a gas sales tax / excise tax on fuel swap. Gus Khouri stated that Republicans construed this as a tax and were not supportive. Chuck Cole pointed out that the base State budget had shrunk from a pre-Recession total of \$104 billion in Fiscal Year 2006-07 to \$84 billion at present. Even worse, without the taking of local government revenue, the State base would have shrunk to \$75 billion.

Sepi Richardson asked about the status of Proposition 22 and Linda Koelling inquired about Proposition 98. Chuck Cole answered that Proposition 22 put pressure on legislators who felt that it would further reduce their flexibility in responding to a State fiscal crisis. Chuck Cole responded that Proposition 98, whatever its other merits and demerits might be, constrained the flexibility legislators had in responding to Recession – driven drops in State revenues.

4. Legislative Priorities

Richard Napier and Joe Kott presented information on status of the legislation supported or otherwise watched by C.CAG.

5. Establish Date and Time for Next Meeting.

September 16, 2010 at 5:30 PM Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office unless otherwise announced was selected.

None.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6.25 PM.